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## **KC MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CLUB DRUG**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for possession with intent to distribute the club drug Nexus.

**James K. Russell**, 28, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to four years in federal prison without parole.

On May 4, 2004, **Russell** pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute Nexus on Sept. 10, 2000. **Russell** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 11, 2003, in Kansas City.

At the time of his initial arrest, Graves said, law enforcement officers had come upon **Russell's** car at approximately 1:22 a.m. The officers discovered **Russell** to be unconscious, hanging partially out of the open driver's side door. **Russell** was then arrested and transported to Truman Medical Center for treatment.

Upon searching **Russell's** vehicle, law enforcement officers discovered 78 Nexus pills.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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